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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(NSAP Division)

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Dated: 15.03.2013.

To

✓ **Shri Qaneeze-e-Fatemah Sukhrani,**
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Subject: Application under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your RTI application dated 09.03.2013, addressed to the CPIO, Ministry of Rural Development and which was received in this Division on 15.03.2013. Only point No. 6 of Description of information required pertains to this Division, the information on which is as under:

2. The Ministry of Rural Development administers among other programmes, the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), which includes five schemes **which are applicable only for persons belonging to Below Poverty line (BPL) category**. They are (1) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), (2) Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), (3) Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), (4) National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and (5) Annapurna. The NSAP extends to both the rural as well as urban areas.

3. Presently, a central assistance of Rs.200/- per month per beneficiary is provided to persons of 60 - 79 years and Rs. 500/- per month per beneficiary of 80 years and above under IGNOAPS; Rs.300/- per month per beneficiary to widows of the age group of 40-79 years under IGNWPS and to the persons with multiple or severe disability in the age group of 18-79 years under IGNDPS. Under NFBS a grant of Rs 20,000 is provided to the bereaved BPL household in case of natural or accidental death of the "primary breadwinner". The primary breadwinner specified in the scheme, whether male or female, must be a member of the household, whose earning contributed substantially to the total household income and must be in the age group of 18-59 years. Under Annapurna scheme 10 kg of food grains per month is provided free of cost to the destitute persons who were eligible for pension under the erstwhile National Old Age Pension Scheme but remained uncovered. The detailed guidelines in respect of the various programmes under NSAP, is available at <http://nsap.gov.in/>.

4. The NSAP was transferred to State Plan in the year 2002-03. Implementation of schemes under NSAP at ground level rests with the State Governments. Hence the identification of beneficiaries, sanction of benefits and disbursement as also the redressal of any grievance arising thereon is done by the respective State. The States/UTs have also been given the requisite flexibility in implementation of schemes under NSAP. Hence a person desirous of getting any benefit/information under NSAP or has any grievance relating to NSAP, may approach the District/Block Authorities of respective State/UT.

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5. The NSAP is implemented in the States/UTs in accordance with the general conditions applicable to all components of the NSAP as well as specific condition applicable to each component. The funds under NSAP are released in a combined manner for all the programmes under NSAP, by the Ministry of Finance to the States and by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Union Territories, as Additional Central Assistance (ACA), based on the number of beneficiaries reported under each scheme by the respective State/UT. The states/UTs have been requested to make a matching contribution. The NSAP Schemes are mainly implemented by the Social Welfare Departments in the States. But NSAP is implemented by Rural Development Department in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Meghalaya and West Bengal; by the Department of Women & Child Development in Orissa and Puducherry; by the Revenue Department in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and by the Department of Labour Employment & Training in Jharkhand.



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